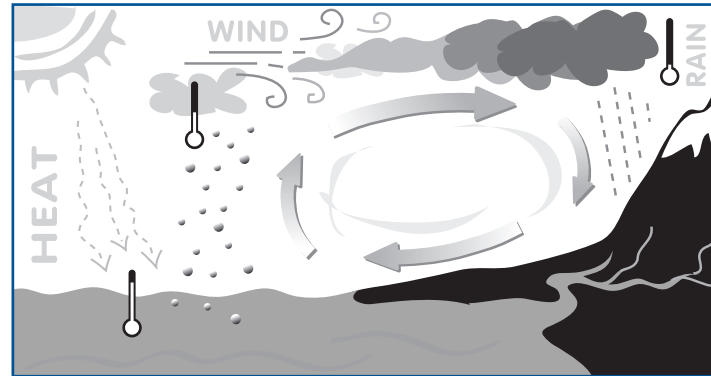


Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1



Text Structure - Explanation

Statement of phenomenon

Explanation sequence - series of events

THE WATER CYCLE

1. The sun heats the water and the water evaporates.
2. The water vapour rises till it reaches the cold temperature and condenses as clouds.
3. The wind blows the clouds to the mountains and land.
4. The water precipitates as rain, snow and hail.
5. The water forms rivers, creeks, dams etc.
6. The water run off finally flows back to the ocean where the process begins again.

Language Features

Use of variety of action verbs to build topic information, e.g. evaporates, condenses, precipitates

Use of adjectives, e.g. cold

Use of time conjunctions, e.g. finally

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. to the ocean, as clouds

Use of complex sentences, e.g. The water vapour rises till it reaches the cold temperature.

Use of compound sentences, e.g. The sun heats the water and the water evaporates.

Use of numbering system to sequence the events